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SUBJECT: FONOFF APPROACH TO EC SUMMIT

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1. IN DECEMBER 13 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE FONOFF POLITICAL
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN REITERATED HIS RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE COPENHAGEN EC SUMMIT AND WHAT EFFECTS IF NOT RESULTS IT
MIGHT PRODUCE. AS A FONOFF PROFESSIONAL HE LOOKS ASKANCE AT
THE WHOLE PROCEDURE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING APART FROM
THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE CONFESSED TO A SPECIAL CONCERN
ABOUT PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL (PLEASE PROTECT VAN LYNDEN AS
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SOURCE OF THIS COMMENT) WHO HE POINTED OUT WAS A LITTLE THIN

IN THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. VAN LYNDEN SAID IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT BENELUX COUNTRIES WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BRIEF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE END OF THEIR FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION ON DECEMBER 14. THIS WOULD GIVE THE FONMINS A CHANCE FOR SUBSTANTIVE INPUT BEFORE THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RESUMED THEIR PRIVATE SESSION THE NEXT DAY. VAN LYNDEN GAVE NO INDICATION WHETHER HE THOUGHT THIS PLOY WOULD WASH WITH THE OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS.

3. ON THE MIDDLE EAST VAN LYNDEN SAID THE DUTCH WOULD PROPOSE (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER VIA THEIR PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER OR BOTH) THAT THE EC-9 AGREE ON A THREE-PHASE ACTION PLAN. THIS WOULD CALL FOR EARLY AND SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, FOLLOWED BY SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE RECENT FIGHTING. THE DUTCH HOPED THAT SOME OF THIS AID COULD GO TO ISRAEL. THE FINAL PHASE WOULD COMPRISE LONGER-TERM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS TO ENABLE THEM TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE ECONOMY IN WHATEVER JURISDICTION WAS ALLOCATED TO THEM AS A RESULT OF THE PEACE SETTLEMENT (VAN LYNDEN SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS DUTCH ADVANCE INFORMATION).

4. VAN LYNDEN ANTICIPATED THAT WHATEVER AGREEMENTS THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REACHED MIGHT BE REDUCED TO PAPER IN THE FORM OF A QUOTE RESUME OF CONCLUSIONS UNQUOTE. THIS WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC NOR WOULD THERE BE A COMMUNIQUE. HOWEVER IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT AN AGREED STATEMENT MIGHT BE MADE TO THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. VAN LYNDEN EMPHASIZED THAT A BASIC CONSIDERATION FOR THE DUTCH WAS THAT NOTHING THE EC SUMMIT SHOULD DO OR DECIDE SHOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHANCES OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT A WAY MIGHT BE FOUND TO BRING ENGLAND AND FRANCE INTO THE CONFERENCE AT A LATER STAGE. THEY COULD PERHAPS QUALIFY AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BUT THE DUTCH, VAN LYNDEN MADE CLEAR, DEFINITELY WOULD NOT WANT THEM PURPORTING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9.

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